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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

Sunday afternoon, August 11 at 1:30, Mr. Richard Wald of the NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE got me at home on the telephone from New York. I had no way to take any notes on what he said but he was checking to see if he could any official CIA connection with the Abel Case. He said that news had been carried to the effect that "some agency" had followed Abel for a year, could I tell him which agency. He said that they had talked with [REDACTED] who told them that a certain agency had [REDACTED] is safe keeping in the United States, could I tell him what agency this was. Wald had a third question along similar lines which I don't recall. In all cases I told him that the answer was no comment, I would guess that he had expected this and he was very pleasant about the whole thing. In the story that he ran in the Tribune the next morning there was no reference to any checking of CIA in the case.

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